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Voted, That the Librarian cause the above-named manuscripts to be bound, and be requested to insert whatever he may find material respecting their history.

Voted, That the Librarian and Treasurer be authorized to have the pamphlets in the possession of the Society bound and catalogued.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay one-third of the tax paid by the Boston Library Society, provided it is ascertained that this room is included by the assessors in the tax.

Meeting dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1832.

At a meeting of the Society, Jan. 26, 1832,—the members present were, Coffin, Coolidge, Davis, Francis, Holmes, Jenks, Lewis, Lowell, Pierce, Savage, and Willard.

The Committee on the subject of a centennial celebration of the birth of Washington, reported,—

That they had requested the Hon. Francis C. Gray, Esq., to deliver a discourse before the Society on that day, and that the appointment was accepted; but that, afterward, the General Court, having resolved to celebrate the day, invited the same gentleman to perform a similar service in their presence, which appointment he accepted, with the concurrence of your Committee. The Committee, therefore, are of the opinion that this arrangement should supersede the intended celebration by the Historical Society, and that the Society should accept an invitation received from the Committee of the Legislature to join with that body in the procession and in attending the literary and religious exercises of the occasion.

Voted, To accept the report of the Committee, and that the same Committee be requested to continue their services in this matter.

The Publishing Committee for the third volume, third series, having been unable to attend to the service, were excused from further action in the premises, and Mr. BOWDOIN, Mr. LOWELL, Mr. FRANCIS, and Mr. WILLARD were appointed in their place.

Mr. Hale having offered to present to the Society a copy of the Diplomatic Correspondence of the United States with Foreign Powers, provided it was not presented by the Government, it was

Voted, To accept Mr. Hale's very liberal donation on the terms suggested.

CHARLES FRASER, Esq., of Charleston, South Carolina, was chosen a Corresponding Member; and Hon. JOHN WELLES, of Boston, Rev. CHARLES W. UPHAM, of Salem, WILLIAM LINCOLN, Esq., of Worcester, and Hon. HENRY A. S. DEARBORN,* of Roxbury, were chosen Resident Members of the Society.

Meeting dissolved.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1832.

At a meeting of the Society, April 26, 1832,—the members present were, Austin, Coolidge, I. P. Davis, Francis, Greenwood, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Shaw, R. Webster, Welles, Willard, and T. L. Winthrop.

A letter was read from the Committee of the Atheneum, consenting that the Society take one copy of each of the unbound pamphlets, with the understanding that they shall be so preserved, bound, and arranged

* General Dearborn accepted, but probably never complied with the conditions of membership. — Eds.

by the Society as to render them most useful; and requesting that, if the Society have duplicates of pamphlets not in the Athenæum, this courtesy may be reciprocated.

Voted, To accept the offer of the Committee of the Athenæum, and to reciprocate the courtesy;

And the Librarian, Treasurer, and Mr. COOLIDGE were appointed a committee to receive such pamphlets as may be spared from the Athenæum, and to deliver such as the Society may spare in return.

The officers of the last year were rechosen. Mr. WILLARD and Mr. COOLIDGE, the Scrutinizing Committee.

The Corresponding Secretary made a report of donations and correspondence.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS and Mr. WELLES were appointed a committee on the Treasurer's accounts, and made the following report:—

The undersigned, a Committee of the Historical Society, appointed to examine the accounts of James Savage, Treasurer of said Society, have this day performed the service, and report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, whereby a balance appears in his hands of four hundred and thirty dollars and forty cents, but therein is included a note of Phelps & Farnham, which was exhibited to us, for the sum of thirty-eight dollars and eighty-seven cents.*

(Signed) ISAAC P. DAVIS, } *Committee.*
JOHN WELLES, }

* The receipts—exclusive of the sum of \$38.87, received from Phelps & Farnham in payment of their note for that amount, which was entered as cash when the note was given—amounted to \$436.10. Of this sum \$122 were for

The report was accepted.

The Treasurer and Dr. HOLMES were appointed to consider whether any, and if any, what, alterations should be made in the second article respecting Resident Members elected.

Dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Society, Aug. 28, 1832, — the members present were, Austin, Bowdoin, Coffin, I. P. Davis, A. H. Everett, Harris, Holmes, Lewis, Lowell, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Willard, and Winthrop.

Mr. WINTHROP in the chair.

A letter from the Librarian, resigning his office, was communicated.

Voted, That the consideration of this subject be deferred to the next meeting.

A letter from Rev. Jasper Adams, of Charleston, South Carolina, accompanying certain books, for which he proposed an exchange for books in the Library, was referred to Mr. A. H. EVERETT and Mr. BOWDOIN.

Communication of donations and correspondence.

The Committee for publishing the third volume, third series, reported progress, and were appointed to prepare the subsequent volume also.

admission fees and assessments, \$0.75 for sales of pamphlets, \$13.35 for interest from Phelps & Farnham, and \$300, a legacy to the Society from the late Isaiah Thomas. The payments amounted to \$83.06. — Eds.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS was added to the Committee for procuring more suitable accommodation for the Society.*

* The following letter is on file:—

“BOSTON, 11th September, 1832.

“To President QUINCY.

“DEAR SIR,—You are Chairman of a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society on the subject of the new room for its Library and meetings. The other members are—(1827) Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Bowdoin, (1829) Mr. Nichols and Mr. Savage, (1832) Mr. I. P. Davis.

“A considerable sum of money will be wanted for shelves, &c., &c., and, if possible, to pay a part of the annual rent of the room; and, with a view to this, the powers and duties of the Committee were enlarged at the late meeting. I wrote to Dr. Lowell for copies of the votes, intending to send them to you, but he has sent me minutes only. Their scope will, however, be recollected by the members of the Committee, if a copy of them cannot readily be obtained.

“As it will be very soon necessary to know how much money can be obtained, as well as how much will be absolutely required, I take the liberty (after consulting with Mr. Savage) to suggest an early meeting of the Committee.

“With great respect, I am your obedient servant,

“JAMES BOWDOIN.

“President QUINCY, Cambridge.”

Before the next quarterly meeting, the Committee prepared and printed an appeal to the public, embodying a brief history of the Society and a statement of its needs for greater accommodation, and the opportunity now offered for securing it. This paper, which was issued as preliminary to a subscription paper, soon to follow, was dated Oct. 9, 1832; proposals having previously been made by the Provident Institution for Savings, offering to lease or sell to the Society a part of their building then erecting on Tremont Street for their own use. The subscription paper, which is here copied, was dated Oct. 15, 1832, and contained the historical statement and appeal of the former paper:—

“The Massachusetts Historical Society, incorporated forty years since, has been constantly engaged during all this period in procuring, preserving, and publishing documents, illustrations, and remarks conducive to the more perfect knowledge of every branch of the history of our country. It has been compelled, however, to act with very limited means, and the scarce manuscripts and rare volumes, pictures, and other memorials of our early days are preserved in a room, for which the institution is indebted to the liberality of the three gentlemen who first undertook the erection of the Tontine buildings in Franklin Place. This apartment is, from its difficulty of access, so uncomfortable, and so greatly exposed to destruction by fire, that the Society has for several years been anxious to obtain better accommodation for the assembly of its members, and a safer repository of their treasures, the loss of which would be in no small degree irreparable. Yet the want of means has always seemed an insurmountable difficulty in the pursuit of these ends. Our funds barely enable the Society to provide for the current repairs which the tenement, from its exposed situation, frequently requires; the members generally presuming that their chief duty was

The Committee on the election of members (see previous meeting) were discharged.

The Committee on the proposition from the Atheneum was discharged, and Mr. EVERETT, Mr. WILLARD, and Mr. LEWIS were appointed a committee on this subject.

Hon. P. C. Brooks was nominated a Resident Member by the Committee.

Voted, That his Honor Mr. Winthrop be requested to communicate to the Governor and Council the copy of Woodward & Saffrey's Survey,* with an additional Survey by Taylor which has this day been communicated by Mr. Savage to the Society.

Dissolved.

to issue, in periodical volumes, all the interesting matter which they or their friends through the Union could furnish as materials of minute and complete history. Twenty-three octavo volumes have already been published by them, the expense of which is borne by the small number of their members, with very little aid from the Commonwealth at one time, or from other citizens usually.

"A Committee of the Society has long been charged with the duty of obtaining another establishment with happier accommodation, and especially safety from fire, the occurrence of which on either side of their present room must necessarily expose to utter destruction all their accumulations. Success would sustain the spirit of the members, and enable them more justly to fulfil the expectations of many in Europe or our own country who are curious in pursuit of their appropriate objects, and, after many years of despair, an opportunity is now afforded for its attainment. In the building now erecting for a Savings Bank the best situation can be had, for a sum of money unexpectedly moderate in comparison with the benefits to be acquired. The undersigned are assured that, for the sum of seven thousand dollars, the Society can have a perpetual lease of the whole second story of that beautiful edifice, with additional room in the attic.

"We, whose names are underwritten, engage, in consideration of the foregoing, to pay James Savage, Esq., Treasurer of the Massachusetts Historical Society, on or before the first of January next, the sums set against our names respectively, to assist said Society in obtaining for ever commodious and secure apartments for holding their meetings and repositing their library, pictures, and documents. This subscription shall not have any force or effect, however, unless the aggregate sum of five thousand dollars be thus subscribed.

"BOSTON, 15th October, 1832."

Eds.

* This was Woodward & Saffrey's "Survey of Massachusetts," in manuscript. — Eds.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Society, Oct. 25, 1832, — the members present were, Bradford, Coolidge, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, A. H. Everett, Francis, F. C. Gray, Greenwood, Hale, Holmes, Lowell, J. C. Merrill, Nichols, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, R. Webster, J. Willard, and Worcester.

Mr. BOWDOIN was elected Librarian in the place of Dr. Jenks, resigned.

The Committee on the letter of Mr. Adams reported the following votes: —

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be returned to Rev. Jasper Adams for the books transmitted by him for the Library.

Voted, That the Rev. Jasper Adams be requested to accept of a copy of Hubbard's History and such other publications of the Society as, in the judgment of the President and Corresponding Secretary, may be about equivalent in value to the books received from him.

Voted, That it is not consistent with the laws and usages of the Society to accept the proposal made by Mr. Adams of a regular exchange of such books as he may send in future for the publications of the Society.

The Committee to procure a more suitable room reported, and the report was accepted.* Whereupon,

* The following is the report of the Committee: —

"The subscribers, appointed by the Massachusetts Historical Society, by various votes passed on the 26th April, 1827, the 30th April, 1829, and the 28th August, 1832, on the subject of procuring a more safe and commodious room for the meetings of said Society and for the preservation of its records than that which they at present occupy, respectfully report —

"That the Trustees of the Provident Institution for Savings in the town of Boston have proffered to said Society a lease for ten years of the second story of the edifice now erecting by them in Tremont Street, and also one half of the attic story, upon the terms specified in the first paragraph of the paper annexed, marked A; and also the prospect of acquiring a permanent interest in

Voted, That the same Committee have full powers to make a contract for a lease for ten years of a room in the Savings Institution.

Mr. EVERETT, from the Committee on the letter from the Trustees of the Athenæum, reported the following votes : —

Voted, That the Librarian of the Society be requested to confer with the Librarian of the Athenæum upon the subject of the proposed exchange, and to carry into effect the arrangement that has been made for this purpose by the Committee of the Athenæum.

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized to employ, at the expense of the Society, such assistance as may be necessary for the performance of such part of the labor as it may not be in his power to do himself.

said building, on complying with the terms specified in the second paragraph of said annexed paper.

“Your Committee are of opinion that no location could be more safe, commodious, or pleasant than the rooms thus proposed to be leased to said Society; and that, considering all the circumstances and relations of the building, your Committee are of the opinion that the terms proposed are in a high degree reasonable, and that no delay ought to be permitted to take place before the Society endeavor to attain the means of complying with this advantageous offer, and securing to themselves the benefit of it.

“For this purpose your Committee saw no better way than to apply at once to the liberality of the community, and attempt to raise by subscription a capital sum sufficient to pay the annual rent of said room by its accruing interest, and to be applied to the securing to said Society a permanent right to said rooms, whenever the Trustees of said Savings Institution shall be authorized, in consideration of the payment specified, to give an acquittance of said reserved rent for ever, according to the proposition contained in said second paragraph, and take measures to that effect accordingly. All which is respectfully submitted.

“JOSIAH QUINCY.
JOSH. COOLIDGE.
JAS. SAVAGE.
B. R. NICHOLS.
I. P. DAVIS.

“25th October, 1832.”

The vote which followed the acceptance of this report, as will be seen, authorized the Committee “to make a contract for a lease for ten years of a room in the Savings Institution”; but the success of the appeal for assistance finally resulted in the Society’s acceptance of the alternative proposal, by which they secured a permanent ownership in that part of the premises which they were to occupy. See the special meeting of the Society, March 18, 1833. — EDS.

The Librarian was authorized to loan to Mr. Daggett the Account of Attleboro', if found.*

Voted, That in case the room be ready for the Society before the next meeting, the Librarian be authorized, under the direction of the Standing Committee, to remove the books and other articles.†

Hon. PETER C. BROOKS was elected a Resident Member.

Ed. Randolph's Account of his Voyages, &c., 1675, in manuscript, presented by Mr. Turell Tufts, was referred to the Publishing Committee.‡

Attest.

CHARLES LOWELL,

Recording Secretary.

* Mr. John Daggett, of Attleborough, in a letter to the Society, dated Oct. 12, 1832, called attention to the notice in Alden's Epitaphs, I. 113, of an original manuscript account of Attleborough, written by the Rev. Habijah Weld, of that town, said to be deposited in the Society's Library; and, as Mr. Daggett was engaged in writing a history of that town, which was subsequently published, he asked the privilege of consulting the manuscript, if it could be found. — Eds.

† The removal of the books, &c., to the new apartment did not take place till the end of the following March, as appears by the subjoined memoranda of the Standing Committee: —

"BOSTON, Feb. 28, 1833. At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society, —

"Voted, That the Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper, with the advice and assistance of Messrs. I. P. Davis, Alonzo Lewis, and Nathaniel G. Snelling, or any two of them, be requested to cause the books, papers, and all articles belonging to the Society to be removed, as soon as may be, to the new rooms now ready for the Society's use in the building lately erected in Tremont Street by the Savings Bank; and that the said officers and Committee of the Society, or any two of them, be authorized to employ such persons to labor and assist in the premises as may be found necessary and expedient.

"Attest.

J. DAVIS, President, &c.

"March 20, 1833. Committee to advise, &c., met — present, Messrs. Davis and Lewis — and determined on moving the books, cabinet, &c., on Tuesday, March 28; Mr. Davis to engage the carmen, &c." — Eds.

‡ This manuscript was not printed by the Publishing Committee. It may be identical with that printed in the Andros Tracts, III. 214. — Eds.